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**Superior Court Announces Winners of
Law Day Art and Essay Contests**

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Law Day 2014 is almost here. This year's theme is 'American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters'. The Law Day celebration will be held at the Douglas Service Center at 9:30 A.M. on May 1st. Our featured speaker is retired Judge Jim Riley. He is a Douglas native and served as a Superior Court Judge from 1983 until his retirement in 1996. Prior to his judicial service he served as a prosecutor. Although he is retired, Judge Riley is very active and serves as a court arbitrator and as a hearing officer for property tax appeals and employee disciplinary appeals among his many civic minded activities.

Law Day 2014 is the culmination of several weeks of activities including class presentations to K-12 classes all across Cochise County given by the legal and court communities. Again this year, schools across the County have participated in the popular Art and Essay contests to help illustrate the theme Why Every Vote Matters.

The court received over 400 entries for the art and essay contests from 13 schools. The winners are:

Law Day Poster Contest

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| 1 st | Alexa Negron, Presidio de las Sierras, 5 th Grade |
| 2 nd | Christina Wyatt, Presidio de las Sierras, 5 th Grade |
| 3 rd | Grant Kjolsrud, All Saints Catholic School, 4 th Grade |

Law Day Middle School Art Contest

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| 1 st (tied for first place) | Destiny Henry, Colonel Smith Middle School, 7th Grade |
| 1 st (tied for first place) | London Silvers, Colonel Smith Middle School, 7 th Grade |
| 2 nd | Rebecca Schverak, Colonel Smith Middle School, 8 th Grade |
| 3 rd | Sady Bayne, Colonel Smith Middle School, 8 th Grade |

Law Day High School Graphic Arts Contest

1 st (tied for first place)	Robert Young, Douglas High School, 11 th Grade
1 st (tied for first place)	Meztli Garcia, Douglas High School, 12 th Grade
1 st (tied for first place)	Celena Arvizu, Douglas High School, 12 th Grade
2 nd	Bailey Lee, Benson High School, 10 th Grade

Law Day Middle School Essay Contest

1 st	Rebecca Schverak, Colonel Smith Middle School, 8 th Grade
2 nd	Kyra Reid, Coronado Elementary School, 8 th Grade
3 rd	James Bond, All Saints Catholic School, 7 th Grade

Law Day High School Essay Contest

1 st (tied for first place)	Stephanie Clinch, Douglas High School, 10 th Grade
1 st (tied for first place)	Abigail Simmons, Buena High School, 10 th Grade
2 nd (tied for second place)	Sarah Palenik, Buena High School, 10 th Grade
2 nd (tied for second place)	Grace St. Cyr, Buena High School, 10 th Grade

Special Recognition	Douglas High School Law Enforcement Class Team Project Team Members Brianda Nuno, 9 th Grade Emmanuel Meraz, 9 th Grade John Paul Enriquez, 9 th Grade Alexsis Salazar, 9 th Grade
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Immediately following the conclusion of the Law Day program, tours of the Douglas Service Center will be led by County staff and volunteers highlighting the services provided by County from the facility. The County has been sponsoring food drives around the County to help the less fortunate. During the month of May starting with Law Day, the public is encouraged to bring a can of food to the Service Center.

The Douglas Service Center is the perfect community venue to celebrate the Law Day as it is rightly an enduring symbol of community pride. The building entered community service in 1903 as the Phelps Dodge Mercantile Store. This facility closed in 1988 and served briefly as a business incubator. After that venture closed the building fell into disuse being used occasionally for special events. Recognizing the huge community significance of this building the City and County joined together to bring this facility back in use. This beautiful facility was rededicated in 2012 and now houses several governmental offices.

About Law Day

Law Day is an annual event, which was originally conceived in 1957 when American Bar Association President Charles Rhynes envisioned a special national day to mark our commitment to the rule of law. The following year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the first Law Day. Law Day was made official in 1961 when Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day.